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Fuel smell wafts over New Orleans area; some officials say it could be oil spill

'We're still trying to confirm that," he said, adding that he's gotten calls about

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the odor from locations across the parish, including Harahan, Metairie and

Plaquemines Parish Councilman Dr. Stuart Guey also said he believes the

State health officials in Baton Rouge said around 3:20 p.m. that they are

In New Orleans, emergency preparedness officials said the fire department is

not working any blazes, and has gotten no reports of a chemical release in the

By Martha Carr, The Times-Picayune April 29, 2010, 2:53PM



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smell, which is pervasive in his parish, is from the spill.

aware of the odor and will make a statement soon.

Oil skimmers try to clean up oil released from the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico before it reaches the sensitive wetlands Wednesday. A pungent fuel smell is now wafting over New Orleans area.

root of his assumption.

area

have to assume it's the oil spill.

A pungent fuel smell is wafting over much of the New Orleans area, and residents curious about its source have been jamming government phone lines for information.

Though emergency preparedness officials haven't been able to confirm the source of the odor, a Jefferson Parish official said he assumes the smell is emanating from the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico that is creeping ever closer to the Louisiana coastline. The coast is about 80 miles south of the city.

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Louisiana has NEVER stood up to these oil companies. We let them come into our state, exploit our resources, and abuse our workers; we even give them tax-breaks to do it. Pathetic. Where is our Governor? Maybe if he keeps his mouth shut, these oil companies will keep filling his campaign coffers with their ill-gotten gains so that he can continue on his true mission - political advancement. Why is Jindal not fighting for us? This is his job, not running around the country on a "rabble-rousing" tour.

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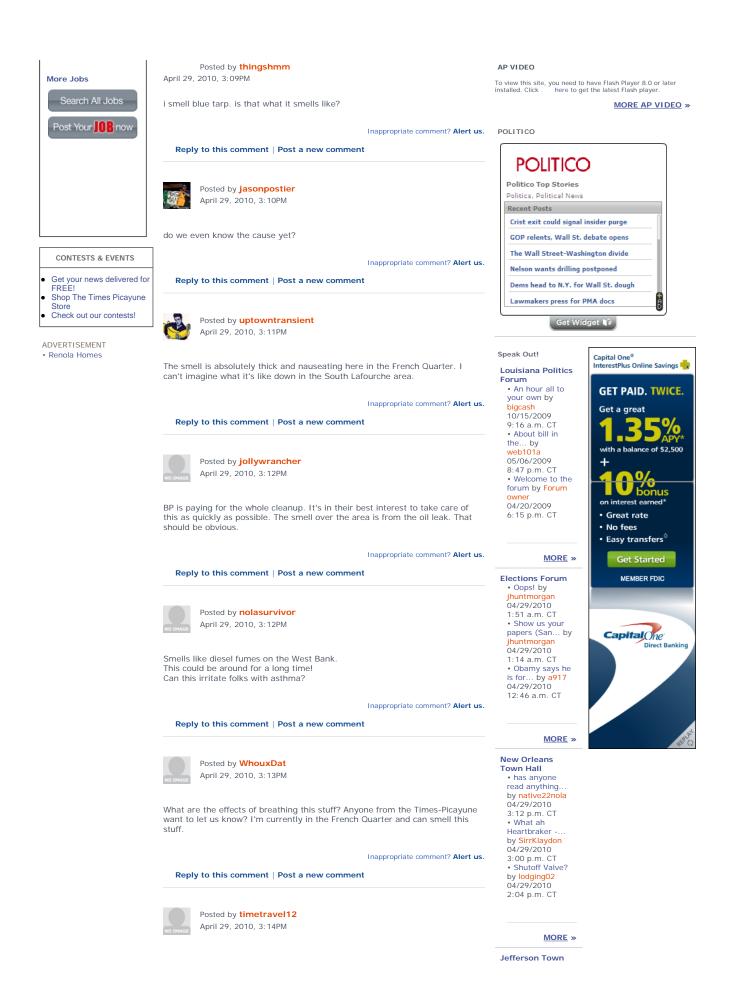
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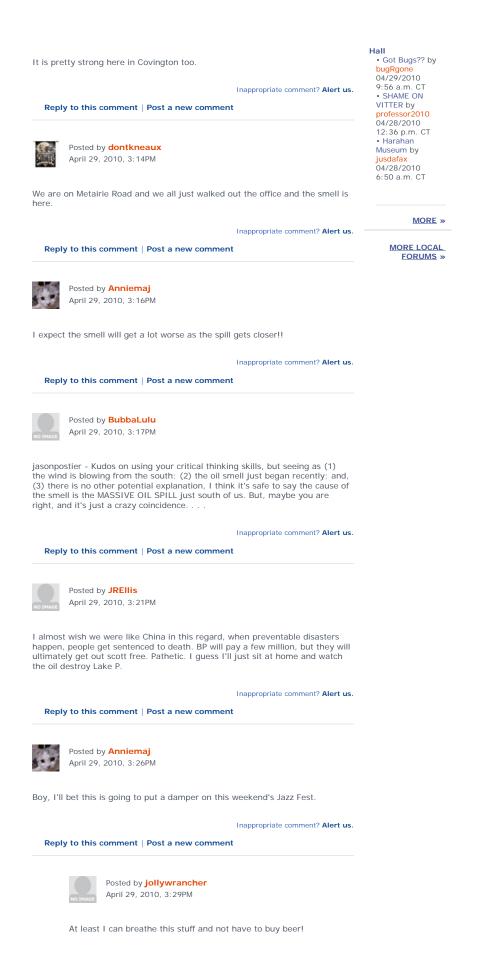
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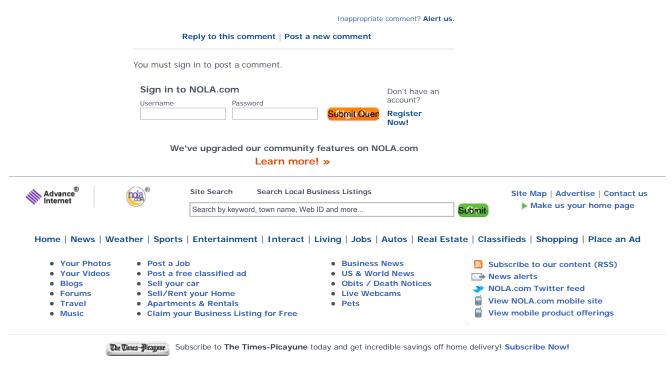
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